

**Our Daily Bread**  
Sliced Thin by The Editor  
—Alex. H. Washburn—  
Either We're Free  
Enterprise Folks  
or We Aren't

The greatest merchant I ever knew once remarked that any business man who voluntarily went to the government and requested the regulation of trade was a fool, because once you start "regulating" there is no end to it—and sooner or later the politicians would be running the business instead of the owner.

You might ponder those words, uttered many years ago, in the light of today's multiple regulations and business annoyances. For much of the trouble that private business is having with government now is due to the fact that some operators took it upon themselves to do a little "law-making" instead of tending to their own affairs.

For instance, they compromised their individual business positions by advocating and lobbying for so-called "fair trade practices" laws, seeking to fix prices and to restrict competition. Once begun, this was a trend that inevitably led us into our present quagmire of federal regulation.

And we were treated to a fine bit of irony last Friday when the federal Office of Price Stabilization ordered a cut-back of 2 cents per package of cigarettes in Arkansas—a direct thrust at the Arkansas fair trade law, Act 101 of 1951, which had frozen cigarettes at their present high level.

We had strayed so far from the truth ourselves, in state legislation, that the federal octopus was able to "tell us off."

It was humiliating—but something we certainly asked for.

Either we're free enterprise folks or we aren't. You can't lobby for monopolistic laws in Little Rock and then scream when a bunch of federal law-makers cracks down on you. If you concede that it's sound public business to be fixing prices, from the state capitol then you can't object to the same thing in Washington, which is just another stop on the same railroad line.

It is the stated policy of this newspaper to destroy price-fixing and price-fixers wherever we find them, state or federal, under any circumstances short of major warfare and all-out mobilization.

Any business man who lobbies for a price bill is untrue to his trade and calling, and any legislator who votes for such a bill is false to his oath of office.

Both are supposed to have the confidence of the public. The business man is presumed to be operating conscientiously in a free and competitive society, and the officeholder is supposed to be protecting the electorate against selfish special interests.

We have been lax in watching government at the state level, not only in Arkansas but in many other commonwealths.

The way to bring down the federal bureaucracy is to start chopping here at home.

## Texarkana Seeks Entries in Dog Show

Owners of thoroughbred dogs in the Hope area were invited this week-end to enter them in the Third Annual American Kennel Club's licensed All-Breed Dog Show which will be held Thursday, May 8, at Texarkana under the auspices of the Texarkana Kennel Club.

The invitation was extended by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Osborne of DeKalb, Texas, Mr. Osborne being general show chairman, and Mrs. Osborne trophy chairman. The Texarkana Kennel Club shortly will change its name to the Four States Dog Show, the visitors said. They were in Hope Saturday afternoon and night in the interest of regional show.

It will be held in the Fine Arts building at the Four States Fair Ground, Texarkana, and there will be a banquet in Hotel Grim the night before Wednesday, May 7, for the judges and the public.

Dogs of all six contest classifications may be entered.

Details may be had from Bob Carroll at the Diamond cafe.

## AP & L Projects to Get Tax Benefits

Washington, Feb. 4 (AP)—Federal tax benefits for seven Arkansas Power and Light company projects built at a total cost of about \$15,740,700 have been approved by the Defense Production Administration.

The DPA said yesterday it had okayed certificates entitling AP&L to write off in five years, in depreciation for federal tax purposes, 45 per cent of the cost of the projects. The largest project included is the Hamilton Moses power plant near Forrest City, which cost about \$13,600,000.

## Markets

By The Associated Press  
New York—D. M. Cotton:  
March 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

## U. S. Steel Calls Wage Demands 'Inflationary'

New York, Feb. 4 (AP)—Benjamin F. Fairless said today his United States Steel Corporation could meet wage demands and holds it present prices—but this would result in a 60 per cent reduction in its federal income tax payments.

Fairless added that such a wage increase, if allowed to spread throughout American industry, could result in a net loss to the government "conservatively estimated at 11 billion dollars."

He said the ultimate "cost of a wage increase would come out of taxable income."

The president of U. S. Steel said the government then "will be obliged to lift the lid on prices if for no other reason than to protect its tax revenues and to maintain its own income."

Fairless presented his arguments against another pay boost for steel workers in a prepared statement before a Wage Stabilization Board panel seeking to prevent a strike in the steel industry threatened for Feb. 23.

Arguments for an 18 1/2 cents-an-hour wage increase and other benefits were made before the board last week by the CIO United Steelworkers of America. The union on Friday added a demand for a guaranteed minimum annual wage amounting to about \$3,000.

In his statement today, Fairless described the guaranteed annual wage as inflationary and a guise for the industry paying "large sums for no work at all."

The total demands of the union would average more than \$1,000 a year per worker, Fairless said.

Since V-J Day, he said, the pay and other benefits of the steel workers "have gone up five times in five years."

The raisers, he added, have been far in excess of any increase in productivity or in the cost of living.

"Today our steel workers are among the highest paid wage earners in the world," he said.

The first speaker for industry before the panel, Fairless said higher prices for steel, following a wage increase, would set a further inflationary pattern throughout the nation.

"We've been telling ourselves that we'll swear off," he said. "But tomorrow never comes."

If the nation is to remain strong, he said, "Somehow, sometime we've got to stop this economic jag. There is only one way to stop this wage-price spiral and that is to stop it."

The possibility of a nation-wide steel strike hinges on the outcome of the hearings. The union threatened to strike Jan. 1 but postponed the strike deadline to Feb. 23.

Present wages averaged between \$1.92 and \$1.97 an hour.

## Harold Stephens' Chinchilla Ranch Now Numbers 26

One look at a crate that arrived in Hope Saturday and you would have thought you were seeing silver-plated squirrels—gold-plated, if you consider the price, because they were six chinchillas consigned to Harold Stephens' chinchilla ranch at Blevins.

A pair of chinchillas sells for anywhere from \$1,200 to \$3,200.

Saturday's shipment brings Stephens' total stock up to 26 animals from a beginning with 5 two years ago. The litters had been running long on females so he had to import some more males. Chinchillas are reared in family groups.

Saturday's shipment comprised two young bucks, and a pair with two babies. Harold Stephens, quizzed about what kind of a noise chinchillas make, said they bark. One of the males, tickled with a straw, gave off a slight murmur. "That's his bark," said Harold. "and that's as loud as it ever gets." Harold ought to know—with 26 of 'em.

Stephens, vice-president of the state chinchilla breeders association, will make his first sale from the Blevins ranch this week. Chinchillas, in case you didn't know, are the all-important ingredient in that particular kind of fur coat which retails as high as \$55,000—and causes the ladies to close their eyes and dream.

Technically, the chinchilla fur is pearl-gray. The animal is of the rodent family, came originally from the mountains of Peru and Chile—and wears the softest, most valuable coat of all earth's creatures.

## Local Man Fined in Texarkana Court

Texarkana—William M. Green, 23, Hope, who ran out of a cafe here after eating a steak, was fined \$15 Saturday in Arkansas municipal court for disturbing the peace.

## Heavy Property Damage Results in Two Wrecks

Two automobile wrecks were reported by City Police over the weekend, one resulting in heavy property damage, but nobody was hurt.

Early last night an auto driven by Elmo Williams, Hope negro, crashed into the back of an auto parked in front of Julia Chester Hospital. The second vehicle belonged to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Downs and had been parked by Mrs. Downs while she visited in the hospital.

The back end of the Downs' vehicle was badly smashed and the front of Williams' car was caved in. Several passengers riding with Williams escaped serious injury. Officers charged Williams with reckless driving.

Saturday afternoon autos driven by Mrs. Lex Helms and Jimmy Compton collided in the 1200 block of S. Main, resulting in fender, grill and light damage to both vehicles. Investigating city officers said Mrs. Helms was pulling away from the curb when the accident occurred.

## Believe Trunk Murderess Had Help in Escape

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 4 (UP)—Authorities said today that the fifth escape of Winnie Ruth Judd, the tiger woman of the 1937's, was a master escape plan in which she was aided by one or more accomplices.

The 47-year-old insane murderess descended a 48-foot make-shift ladder Saturday night after forcing a heavy window screen. Apparently she cut-sealed a nine-foot barbed-wire enclosure and sped off into the night in a black sedan with California license plates.

Hospital Superintendent M. W. Conway "disclosed" last night that a special guard was stationed at Mrs. Judd's room after she boasted "someone will help me escape."

He said, however, the guard was later removed when "we decided it was just another story she made up."

"In view of the reports we have received about a car being seen, and she bragging to the other patients, there is no doubt she had some outside help in escaping," Conway said.

Police reported that one car bearing California license plates had been discovered, but said investigation proved it couldn't possibly have been in Phoenix at the time of Mrs. Judd's escape.

Law enforcers of Maricopa county said the red-haired former nurse may be disguised. They said she had access to a storeroom at the asylum where show costumes were kept.

"She had lots of friends who might help her escape," the sheriff's office reported. "For all we know, someone was supposed to meet her when she got away the last time, but the timing must have been off."

Dr. Dean Archer, staff psychiatrist at the hospital, said Mrs. Judd recently boasted that "someone will help me escape."

As the search spread to California and other neighboring states the details of her exploits and personality since 1931 took on a pattern befitting a fictional dime-novels thriller.

On October 18, 1931 she shot Edwin Samuelson and Agnes Ann Leroy, two women friends, in a fit of jealous rage. She dismembered one body at the waist and kneed and stuffed it into a suitcase. She left the other intact and put it into a trunk.

She then shipped the luggage to Los Angeles where their grisly contents were discovered by a freight clerk before she could claim them.

Mrs. Judd was subsequently sentenced to death for the crimes, but was found insane 72 hours before her scheduled execution and committed to the Arizona State Asylum.

## Air Squadron Is Activated

Little Rock, Feb. 4 (AP)—A volunteer air reserve training squadron has been activated at Fayetteville.

Col. Ewing W. Kinkead, commander of the 9164th group here, said the new squadron would be designated the 9341st, and will be commanded by Lt. Col. John H. Joyce of Fayetteville.

## Spo Newsman Seriously Ill

Hot Springs, Feb. 4 (AP)—Charles Goslee, veteran Hot Springs newspaperman and secretary of the late Gov. Carl E. Bailey, is critically ill in a hospital here. He is in an oxygen tent.

Goslee is a member of the Hot Springs News Association.

## It's Not What You Think



This seemingly pleased bride, dimpled but not blushing, is walking down the aisle with her pappy who apparently is going to see that everything goes according to schedule. It did. But don't get the wrong idea. It was a woman's wedding staged by the VFW and its Auxiliary and all proceeds, a total of \$325, went to the Hempstead March of Dimes. Haven't you guessed by now? The bride is W. L. Tate and the father is Guy Downing.

## Harold Ickes, of New Deal Era, Dies

Washington, Feb. 4 (AP)—Death came quietly at dusk yesterday for Harold L. Ickes, 77, the New Dealer whose sharp wit and blunt speech stormed for two decades across the national scene.

Ickes, self-styled "Old Curmudgeon," died at 8:25 p. m. in a coma at a hospital here. He succumbed after an 11-week illness following complication of an old arthritic condition.

Virtually an unknown in 1932 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed him secretary of the interior, Ickes had become one of the most turbulent figures in politics by 1946, when he resigned.

"A unique figure in American public life is lost to the nation," President Truman commented last night, adding:

"He was a true patriot and a many-sided citizen whose passing leaves a void in our national life not easily filled."

Funeral services are scheduled for 2:20 p. m. (EST) Wednesday at All Soul's Unitarian Church in Washington, with the Rev. Palfrey Perkins of King's Chapel, Boston, officiating.

## Gory Homicides So Plentiful on New TV Set That Boyle and Wife Develop a Complex

New York, Jan. 4 (AP)—This is to announce the arrival of a new baby at our house.

She's precocious. She doesn't walk, but she crawls and she talks—and she says the cutest, strangest, most boring things.

The stork didn't bring her. It took two strong men to deliver the baby. They set her up on her feet, granted, gave her a look of deep dislike and departed.

But we loved her on sight—from her shiny glass forehead to the six little knobs in her tummy.

Yes, after all these years, we have become the proud parents of a television set. She is blonde like my wife, Frances. Because of the 17-inch eye in her forehead we immediately christened her "Little Miss Cyclops."

Frances said she took Miss Cyclops on the spur of the moment. She went into a music shop to buy a phonograph record and the salesman asked her if she was interested in a television set.

"Why, yes," she said, "but to be sure, I'd like to see it first."

She brushed off his grateful offer to throw in a free grand piano, two harmonicas and a week's visit to Brooklyn.

For the formal debut of Miss Cyclops we invited in three trusted friends. After dinner we adjourned to our new nursery.

The big moment was "at hand" words? That is an anxious time for any proud parent of a television set. I know one man who lost his mind because his set didn't say anything. It just burst into wild, maniacal laughter—"ha ha, ha, ha, ha, ha." It was still laughing when he sent it back to the store.

Nervously, I toyed with the knobs. A light came into my baby's eyes.

## Lovett Warns Against Military Budget Slash

Washington, Feb. 4 (AP)—Defense Secretary Lovett said today any cut in the \$2 billion dollar military budget recommended by President Truman for fiscal 1953 would "increase, beyond the realms of endurance, the calculated risks already taken."

Lovett told the Senate Appropriations subcommittee and the Joint Economic Committee that even this figure for the year starting July 1 meant a cutback in original defense goals.

Strongly recommending congressional approval of the \$2 billions he Lovett said:

"With a lesser amount of money we would be limiting our efforts to a program level that would increase, beyond the realms of prudence, the calculated risks already taken."

"It would force us to less efficient operations and would not permit the continued accelerated production during the next two years of the major military items we need."

Lovett said the Defense Department realized that "the essential foundation of our entire military structure is a sound, vital and progressive economy" and that too heavy a drain must not be placed upon it.

He said the Defense Department has taken a "realistic" attitude, has made new economies, and instead of attempting to reach certain goals in 1953 or 1954 it has delayed them and funds asked now will permit a program merely "expanding toward these goals."

He listed these goals as 21 full-strength divisions for the Army; 400 combat vessels and 10 carrier air groups for the Navy; three full divisions and three air wings for the Marines; and 143 wings for the Air Force. All three services would have "the appropriate support-type units."

He said tremendous gains have been made in the past 18 months. The Army from 500,000 men, 10 divisions and 11 regimental combat teams in June, 1950, to 570,000 men, 18 divisions and 18 regimental units; The Navy from 380,000 men with 23 combatant vessels to 700,000 men and 400 combatant vessels; Marines from 74,000 men to 219,000; and the Air Force from 411,000 men and 48 wings to nearly 900,000 men and 90 wings.

Lovett said the armed services originally wanted 71 billion dollars, that this was whittled down by his office to 55 billion, and the President later cut it to 52 billion before submitting it to Congress.

## Meteor Fragment Is Brought Here From Bodcaw Farm

What L. M. May of Bodcaw brought into The Star office last Saturday was a rock about four inches in diameter; that is, it looked like a rock but when you hefted it you knew at once that it was iron. It weighed seven pounds.

It was really iron and stone, fused together by a heat out of this world—literally so, because this was a fragment from a meteor. The piece was picked up by C. C. May of Bodcaw on the Taylor farm a mile and a half south-east of that town, in Nevada county.

L. M. May, discussing the find, told The Star that while some folks heard an explosion, and thought it might be due to the meteor's impact with the earth, this was in daylight and they had no proof at all of the meteor's fiery trail through the sky. So no one knows when the meteor fell or how long this fragment lay on the Taylor farm.

Meteor fragments are distributed universally throughout the world. Moving in free flight through space, meteors eventually come within grasp of some planet's gravity pull—in this case the earth's. They are probably cold in the absolute zero of our outer space, having obtained their original fusion from the heat of their parent body, and then chilled. But on entering the atmosphere of the earth in their final plunge friction with the air reheats them and they may explode even before striking the ground.

## Hope Soldier Gets New Assignment

Private First Class William L. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cook of 316 East 15th Street, Hope, was recently assigned to the 74th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Cambrai, Calif.

He is a graduate of the Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron School at Wheeler, Ariz.

## Dr. G. E. Cannon Again to Head Library Board

In a meeting last week Judge C. Cook appointed Dr. G. E. Cannon and Elmer Brown to the Hempstead County Library Board of a term of three years. Other board members are Sid McMath, Charles Reynerson, Norman Jones and James H. Jones.

Advisory Board members are J. T. Liebling and B. W. Edwards. Dr. Cannon was re-elected chairman of the board, Mr. Liebling, vice chairman and Mrs. Howard Prichard, secretary.

## To Tell How Russians Murdered Poles

Washington, Feb. 4 (AP)—A man who says he saw Russians murdering Polish Army officers in Katyn Forest during World War II will testify before a congressional committee trying to find out whether Nazis or Russians committed the massacre.

Rep. Madden D. (Ind.) chairman of a special House investigating committee, announced during the weekend, "This is the only eye witness outside the men who did the murdering—who has ever been produced."

So far unidentified, the mystery witness will appear Wednesday, Madden said.

The committee, however, will begin its investigation today into the mass murder of 4,145 Polish Army leaders in 1943. That many corpses were found in crude mass graves. Another 11,000 Polish prisoners are still missing.

All were taken from Poland and held in three Western Russian prison camps. The Russians say the Nazis are to blame for the massacre. The Germans blame the Russians.

John Mitchell, committee counsel, says he has ample evidence to prove that the Russians committed the killings.

First witness to appear before the special committee will be Col. John H. Van Vliet, an American Army officer who was flown from a German prison camp by the Nazis to see the stacked bodies of the dead Poles.

The Nazis wanted the American to authenticate their gruesome discovery.

Van Vliet, back from duty in Japan, is repeating the story for the third time officially. He made a report to the Pentagon after his release from captivity, and when this was reportedly lost, he made a second five years later from memory.

The committee not only wants to hear him tell about what he saw in Katyn Forest, but also about the two reports he made to the Pentagon and what happened to the first one.

Made in May 1945, it was classified "top secret" and never released. Curious congressmen were told later the report and accompanying photographs had been "lost."

Committee officials indicated they would try to determine whether Washington officials tried to cover up the incident during the latter stages of World War II.

## Omaha Fire Leaves 3 Dead and 12 Hurt

Omaha, Feb. 4 (AP)—Five persons died and 12 were injured, one seriously, in a flash fire that routed 40 persons from the Liberty Apartments near downtown Omaha last night.

The dead, four men and one woman, were found in their rooms. One body was tentatively identified from papers as that of J. Lesnovich, a railroad pensioner. Identification of the other bodies was not immediately possible because of their burned condition.

Cause of the fire was not determined. Arson Squad Capt. Dan Mulvaney said it apparently started on the top floor of the 12-story brick and frame structure and spread rapidly.

Most of the occupants had gone to bed. Firemen took some out of windows on ladders. Others, seeing their clothes jumped. Some made their way to the outside by fire escapes.

Mulvaney said the bodies were found on the top floor. He said the victims apparently ran to the corridor, found it filled with fire and smoke, returned to their rooms and were trapped.

One of the bodies was found under a bed. The other body in that room was thrown across a bed. Capt. Mulvaney said the other three bodies were recovered from separate rooms nearby.

Safe Measures

## UN Negotiators Optimistic Over Truce Progress

Panmunjom, Korea, Feb. 4 (UP)—Allied and Communist truce negotiators have "moved closer to an armistice" within the foreseeable future, in the last few days, the chief United Nations command spokesman said tonight.

The chief U. N. truce negotiator on war prisoners said meanwhile that Monday's meeting on that issue was "one of the pleasantest ever had."

In Monday talks the truce delegates neared final agreement on an exchange of war prisoners.

They also arranged a planetary session of the full truce delegations for 10 a. m. Wednesday (8 p. m. Tuesday EST) to start discussion of a final item on the armistice program—recommendations made to the belligerent governments for a final peace treaty.

The atmosphere in the negotiations, Monday's talks showed, been moving toward improvement since last week.

"We have moved closer to an armistice in the last few days," chief Allied spokesman Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols said. "Last Monday night."

"The fact that the Communists Continued on Page Two

## Evangelist Draws Large Capitol Crowd

Washington, Feb. 4 (AP)—Thousands gathered at the steps of the National Capitol last night to hear Evangelist Billy Graham as he could be elected president. The platform calling the people "back to God."

The young preacher delivered two sermons during an hour-long meeting broadcast coast-to-coast on the ABC radio network. He spoke from the spot previously taken by the oath of office. The crowd was estimated variously at from 20,000 to 45,000.

In his typical arm-waving style, Graham said:

"If I would run for president of the United States today, on a platform of calling the people back to God, back to Christ, back to Bible, I'd be elected."

"There is a hunger for God today."

He asked Congress to call President Truman to proclaim a day of prayer, as President Abraham Lincoln did on April 30, 1943.

Graham was granted permission to use the Capitol steps, a spokesman said, by Vice President W. L. Rogers, president of the Senate, and Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) and Chief Architect David Lynn.

President Truman, especially vited, did not attend.

## Queen of Hearts Contestants Are Announced

Contestants for the 1952 Queen of Hearts contest which will be in conjunction with the Heart campaign are:

Barbara Bright, Ann Brown, Marilyn Shiver, Lorraine Jones, Kennedy, Helen Hall, Roy Rogers, Neida Thompson, Shirley.

Pictures of contestants and their containers will be placed on display in the Shenger Theater. The public can vote for their favorite at a penny a vote.

## Size Limit Change Not Number of

Several days ago the Game Commission announced a change in the limit on game bags. This pertains to the number of birds that can be taken in a day for wild game.

## Dr. Lila A. H. Medical Month

Dr. Lila A. H. Medical Month is being observed in the city of Hope, Arkansas. The month of February is dedicated to the study of the human body and its functions.



# SOCIETY

Phone 7-4311 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

## Calendar

**Wednesday, February 6**  
The Sub-district meeting of the VFW group will be held in the hall. Methodist Church Tuesday, February 5, at 7 p.m.

The VFW Auxiliary will meet Tuesday night, Feb. 5, at 7:30 at the hall. Hostesses will be Mrs. John Bullock, Jr. and Mrs. W. W. Nims.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Methodist Church will meet Tuesday night, Feb. 5, at 7:30 at the hall. All members are urged to attend.

Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Gamma will meet Tuesday night, Feb. 5, at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Florence Hyatt with Miss Mary Henry as co-hostess. All members are urged to be present.

Gamma Night will be held at the Country Club Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. will be Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Duffie and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cain.

**Wednesday, February 6**  
The Church of the First Christian Church will meet Wednesday, February 6, at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. A. L. Park with Mrs. Ted Jones as co-hostess. Presiding and assisting will be Mrs. J. E. Stinson. The study course on Church Doctrine will be in charge.

The Gardenia Garden Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. C. C. Lewis with Mrs. R. D. Franklin and Mrs. W. W. Dooly as co-hostesses.

**Friday, February 8**  
The Gardenia Garden Club will meet Friday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. C. E. West with Mrs. Jimmy Barrell as co-hostess.

**Coming and Going**  
Miss Wanda Collins of Dallas, Texas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McDowell and children of Fort Worth, Texas, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDowell.

Capt. Kenneth Howell of Burke, Idaho, Shreveport, was the guest and guest of his wife and son.

Mr. Beth Fuller and Pto. Fred

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Sullivan of Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, was the week end guest of Sgt. Fullers mother, Mrs. H. E. Fuller.

Miss Dorothy Bullock is leaving today for Little Rock where she will be the guest of her brother John Bullock and Mrs. Bullock.

## Hospital Notes

**Josephine**  
Admitted: Mr. Lile Bearden, of Hope, Miss Linda Gail Rogers, Hope, Mr. W. N. Blinks, Hope.

Discharged: Mrs. Charles Caulwell, Columbus, Mrs. M. J. Porter, Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Burns announce the arrival of a son Feb. 3, 1952.

**Branch**  
Admitted: Mr. Carl Brown, Hope, Mr. Graydon Anthony, Hope, Mrs. Tom Huckabee, Hope.

Discharged: Mr. Graydon Anthony, Hope, Mr. M. H. Duffey, Hope.

**Boyle**  
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movie I felt proud of her at once. It's nice to see a child with a grasp of the past.

But no sound. I had a horrible feeling our television set was backward—vocally retarded. But not!

She mumbled a bit, feeling for words, then spoke out clearly: "I think that Dutch Water is a better drink than French Champagne."

Well, now, wasn't that really clever, considering her age and all? None of us there ever knew what Dutch Water was. We still don't.

I would like to say Miss Cyclops has continued her success after such a fine debut. But she hasn't.

Frances didn't mind her as long as her screen stuck to puppets, musical saw players, horse opera, and close-up views of politicians and tenors badly in need of a tonal adjustment. But lately she has been on a real jag.

Miss Cyclops is plumb crazy about gory, hairy legends. She switches from a fairytale to a parrot to a matricide. And just before we go to bed she comes up with either with an eerie xorlelike hum or a landlady's wife or a gruesome matricide wife mangles husband.

We never know what "felde" is coming next.

"That thing" is what she now calls Miss Cyclops, and she will hardly go into the room with it alone. I even suspect she locks it in while I am away at work.

My own feeling is that if our pretty new baby doesn't get less cooery there soon will be only one blonde left in our house—and it sure won't be Miss Cyclops.

UN Negotiators

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agreed to initial talks on item five is indicative of the fact that they want an armistice within the foreseeable future.

This statement, the most optimistic by a U. N. spokesman in recent weeks, was accompanied by the statement of Rear Adm. R. E. Libby, chief negotiator on prisoners, that the session on war prisoners was one of the most pleasant of the entire series.

Nucleos warned that the "main major points of dispute are still in major disagreement" and that new ones are bound to pop up, especially as regards the fifth and last item, on recommendations to governments. The Communists are expected to insist on this point that all foreign troops be withdrawn from Korea at once.

There was a subpart of developments Monday including:

1—The negotiators reached general agreement on a patrol clause binding released prisoners never to fight in the Korean war again.

2—There was agreement that sick and wounded prisoners be given priority in exchange.

3—The U. N. proposed that the "target" for exchange of Red prisoners be extended from 60 to 90 days because of the large number of Communist prisoners involved. The Communists promise to return all Allied prisoners within 30 days.

4—There was general agreement that other sites in addition to Panmunjom may be selected as exchange points for prisoners is necessary.

5—There was agreement to exchange data on prisoners who have died in captivity.

6—The negotiators agreed that Red Cross workers of both sides may aid and visit prisoners.

7—Both sides agreed that civilians should be assisted to return to their former homes. The Reds still resisted U. N. efforts to write safeguards into the civilian program.

8—The U. N. offered to trim its proposed monthly troop rotation figure from 75,000 to 60,000 including real time and temporary duty assignments. The Communists agreed to limit local rotation to 25,000.

9—The Allies agreed to scale down the number of troops at the front to 100,000 and to limit the number of troops in the rear to 100,000.

## Texas Dust

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occupants of one buried car were dead of carbon monoxide poisoning. Great clouds of red dust, swept up from drought-stricken plains of Western Texas, blotted out the sun Sunday. The dust cut visibility to three-quarters of a mile in eastern parts of the state before rain washed it away.

Rains brought the threat of more flooding along the Ohio River in Kentucky and Ohio. The Weather Bureau at Cincinnati said the river level, stationary over night, may rise six inches. It already was 2.8 feet above flood stage, but 2.2 feet below last week's crest.

The situation was similar at Louisville. The river stage was 4.3 feet above flood stage and another 7 was predicted.

## Harold Ickes

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ton, Mass., presiding. Burial will be at Sandy Spring, Md.

During the depression years of the 1930s Ickes was head man of the Public Works Administration, overseeing—sometimes down to the last penny—more than seven billion dollars worth of public building.

Ickes liberally used his talent for fashioning a public life and persona. Of himself, he once remarked:

"I've known for a long time that I'm not loved with the fervor to which I'm entitled. If a man worked hard at it he couldn't get a bigger list of enemies than I."

As World War II petroleum administrator, Ickes carried full conservation to the extreme, typical of his reputation as "Honest Hal". He jettisoned down license members of speeding cars and turned them in to police.

Ickes resigned from President Truman's Cabinet he said he could no longer stay and "retain my self respect." Crux of the dispute was the President's nomination of Edwin W. Pauley, an oil man, to be undersecretary of the Navy. Vigorously opposed by Ickes, the nomination was later dropped at Pauley's request.

After his resignation, Ickes authored a syndicated column and a magazine series. His name continued to be linked with public issues, although in recent years he grew comparatively quiet.

He spent most of his time at his Olney, Md., farm and in Maine with his family, but remained an intermittent White House visitor.

Mrs. Ickes, the former Jane Dahlman, said the funeral would be simple, in keeping with her husband's wishes. He suggested "characteristically," she said, that friends might contribute to an artificial aid foundation instead of sending flowers.

Ickes was born March 15, 1874, near Hollidaysburg in Blair County, Pa. He was graduated from the University of Chicago with a bachelor's degree and entered newspaper work. Later, he took a law course and began practice in 1907.

The interior secretaryship was his first public office.

Other survivors are two sons and a daughter.

UN Negotiators

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agreed to initial talks on item five is indicative of the fact that they want an armistice within the foreseeable future.

This statement, the most optimistic by a U. N. spokesman in recent weeks, was accompanied by the statement of Rear Adm. R. E. Libby, chief negotiator on prisoners, that the session on war prisoners was one of the most pleasant of the entire series.

Nucleos warned that the "main major points of dispute are still in major disagreement" and that new ones are bound to pop up, especially as regards the fifth and last item, on recommendations to governments. The Communists are expected to insist on this point that all foreign troops be withdrawn from Korea at once.

There was a subpart of developments Monday including:

1—The negotiators reached general agreement on a patrol clause binding released prisoners never to fight in the Korean war again.

2—There was agreement that sick and wounded prisoners be given priority in exchange.

3—The U. N. proposed that the "target" for exchange of Red prisoners be extended from 60 to 90 days because of the large number of Communist prisoners involved. The Communists promise to return all Allied prisoners within 30 days.

4—There was general agreement that other sites in addition to Panmunjom may be selected as exchange points for prisoners is necessary.

5—There was agreement to exchange data on prisoners who have died in captivity.

6—The negotiators agreed that Red Cross workers of both sides may aid and visit prisoners.

7—Both sides agreed that civilians should be assisted to return to their former homes. The Reds still resisted U. N. efforts to write safeguards into the civilian program.

8—The U. N. offered to trim its proposed monthly troop rotation figure from 75,000 to 60,000 including real time and temporary duty assignments. The Communists agreed to limit local rotation to 25,000.

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## Probe of Sex, Liquor Orgy Is Ordered

Abbeville, La. Feb. 4 (AP)—A reported two-day liquor and sex orgy in a Louisiana "bullpen" to influence prospective voters in a state primary comes under official investigation today.

For years in this Southwest Louisiana Cajun county, "bullpen" parties have been held in some communities shortly before elections.

Prospective voters are herded together and showered with free liquor and free women 24 to 48 hours before the election polls open and then they are made to vote for the "right candidate."

On orders from District Judge Wilmet Dolefers, five men will appear in court today to tell what they know about the orgy that took place in adjoining Vermillion Parish two days before the Jan. 13 state Democratic primary.

The Lafayette Advertiser quoted Stanley Pearson, co-chairman of the Citizens for Better Government Committee and one of those ordered to appear as saying a bullpen guard gave him this account of the affair:

"We started out at a camp north of Abbeville near Milton the Sunday before the election where about a dozen people were being kept."

"The next day we got orders to move south of Abbeville and so on. Before the last move Monday night the election was on a Tuesday, the population had increased by nearly 200. They were taken in by two, by five, by the carloads."

"Men and wife, street bums, drunks, and prostitutes were given whiskey wine sauce plagues, jambo, tubes of beer, cigarettes, hands and dancing in cramped quarters."

"The party ended about 6 a. m. election day when the groups were taken away, supposedly to the polls."

Services Employ

521,441 Civilians

Washington, Feb. 4 (AP)—A report to the Senate said today the armed forces have 521,441 white collar workers on their payrolls. This was an increase of 23,884 during the last six months of 1951.

The figures were in a report of the Joint Committee on Reduction in Nonessential Federal Expenditures, headed by Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) covering the six months from July 1 through last Dec. 31.

The group said the number of civilian industrial workers of the armed services rose 17,624 to a Dec. 31 total of 736,608.

The report said the number of workers hired by the other government agencies was on the decline. The committee reported a net reduction of 21,410 workers in the six months, to a total of 1,228,680.

Czech Diplomat

Seeks 'Asylum'

London, Feb. 4 (AP)—A Czechoslovak diplomatic employee who fled from his country's embassy here is in British custody and is seeking "political asylum."

A Home Office spokesman identified the man as M. Rosa. He was a courier at the embassy, other sources reported.

Years ago, when first written, much of Wagner's music seemed very unusual to many people.

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## May Recover High Iron Bauxite

Bauxite, Feb. 4 (AP)—A new method of processing bauxite ore may permit exploitation of Arkansas' high-iron bauxite deposits, now considered worthless.

In a report to Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman, W. A. Calhoun metallurgist at the Federal Bureau of Mines laboratory here, said the tests employing the new process have shown an overall recovery of 98 per cent of the alumina in Arkansas bauxite. This is a considerably higher percentage than that obtained by present commercial methods.

Calhoun said the new method produces a metal grade bauxite, which can be used in alumina production, and a commercially useful abrasive fraction. He said the process involves 10 to 15 minutes of low-temperature oxidation roasting of the ore, followed by high intensity magnetic separation of the high-iron fraction.

Kefauver Is

Confident

He Can Win

By The Associated Press

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) predicted Sunday he would win the Democratic presidential nomination even if President Truman seeks reelection.

But he said he does not think Truman "wants the job" again. Kefauver said on a radio program he is not running for second place, and if Truman runs again and offers his backing to Kefauver for the vice presidential nomination, he would not "be interested at all."

The President, who has not revealed his 1952 plans, figured in two other developments:

Sen. Aiken (R-Vt.) said he thinks the President withdrew from the Democratic presidential primary in New Hampshire "because Sen. Kefauver would have beaten the tar out of him."

Sen. Maybank (D-SC) declined to tell newsmen on a television show whether he would support Truman if the President is the Democratic nominee for reelection. He recently said he was opposed to Truman, and would support Sen. Russell (D-Ga.).

Sen. Taft (R-Ohio), first Republican to announce for the GOP nomination, yesterday would not comment on a resolution designed to get his name entered in Oregon's primary in May.

The Oregon State GOP Committee passed the resolution Saturday. In Washington, political sources said Republicans backing Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for President soon will make known his recorded views on taxes, labor, farm and many other domestic issues.

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## DOROTHY DIX

Improve Your Disposition

### Four Persons Die in Accidents

By The Associated Press

Four persons were killed in two traffic accidents in Arkansas Sunday—the only violent deaths reported in the state over the weekend.

The fatality toll for the weekend ended Sunday was 15.

Two Blytheville, Ark., women were killed Sunday night when the car in which they were riding and a truck and trailer collided near Blytheville. They were Mrs. Margaret Deen Smith, 43, and Mrs. Max Parks, 47. Mrs. Parks' husband, a Blytheville businessman, was injured seriously in the accident, but the truck driver escaped with only minor injuries.

Two Negro men were killed early Sunday near Searcy when their truck left highway 94 and struck a tree. They were William Russell, 29, and James Dupriest, 30, both of Searcy.

Veterinarians

Open Convention

Little Rock, Feb. 4 (AP)—The Arkansas State Veterinary Medical Association opened a two-day annual convention at the Hotel Marion here today. About 65 veterinarians were expected to attend.

Principal speaker will be Dr. A. H. Craig, Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. Herbert Shea, Texarkana, is president of the association. New officers will be elected at Tuesday's closing session.

speeches, letters and memoranda as background for the campaign document.

Other developments:

Rep. Javits (R-Lib-NC) said he will introduce a bill today inquiring state officials to see that servicemen receive "data on candidates and what they stand for according to information provided by the candidates themselves."

The New York Times says Democratic leaders have virtually decided on New York delegates-at-large to the national convention, and that significantly the list does not include the name of Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing.

It said the omission was deliberate and "brings into the open the fact" Ewing is in the political doghouse as far as New York leaders are concerned. Among those listed are former Postmaster General James A. Farley, Sen. Lehman (D-Lib-NY), and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In Memphis, Tenn. Rep. Albert Gore announced his candidacy for the United States Senate. It places the 44-year-old Tennessean in a race with 83-year-old Sen. Kenneth McKellar.

of a sarcastic quip, and hard still to say one.

The task ahead of you isn't easy but believe me, Fay it is the most worthwhile thing you've ever done. No one loves a mean-spirited woman, and if you continue with your present disposition you have a lonely and lonely future ahead of you.

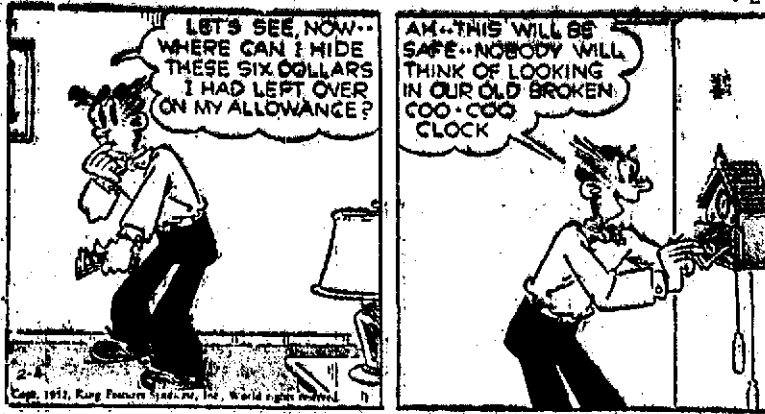
Dear Miss Dix: I am 20 years old and have been in love for the past two years. My boy friend and I were going steady last year but he always broke appointments the last one on my birthday. He asked me to wait six months while he made up his mind whether he wanted to do. I consented after a while decided he would be reliable and gave up. I went with a boy in service, a while but all the time thinking of the first boy. I was care for him but don't want to hurt again. How can I go about winning him back?

Answer: You're on the road to success as long as you realize your shortcomings so well. A sarcastic tongue can be controlled very easily, once you make up your mind that it is a liability, rather than an asset. I often wonder why so many people consider cutting remarks the very acme of humor. There are many roads you can take towards a sunny disposition; the one I am about to suggest seems to be the shortest.

Make an appointment with your pastor; explain your difficulty to him and ask for a recommended list of books on improving one's disposition. There are many



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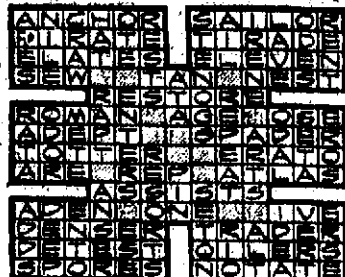
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Skyscrapers

- HORIZONTAL**
- 1. 7 Tallest building of all
  - 2. Heavy
  - 3. Dried grape
  - 4. Halt
  - 5. Numbers
  - 6. Cravat
  - 7. Track
  - 8. Turkistan river
  - 9. City in Oklahoma
  - 10. Help
  - 11. Blind, as a falcon
  - 12. Women's club
  - 13. Equine animal
  - 14. Shiny fabric
  - 15. Fox
  - 16. Abstract being
  - 17. Senior
  - 18. The of Trade building in Chicago
  - 19. Commanded
  - 20. Greek name
  - 21. Limb
  - 22. Russian river
  - 23. Knight's title
  - 24. Ruin
  - 25. Russian village
  - 26. Sheep (pl.)
  - 27. Inborn
  - 28. Endure again
  - 29. Incarnation
  - 30. Drape-like fruit
  - 31. Toga

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- VERTICAL**
- 1. Puffs up
  - 2. Breed of sheep (pl.)
  - 3. Source of satire
  - 4. Fish
  - 5. Repose
  - 6. Boards a train
  - 7. Canvas
  - 8. Tag (British)
  - 9. Grayer
  - 10. Names
  - 11. Store fodder
  - 12. American diplomat
  - 13. Three-toed sloth
  - 14. Those excessively fond
  - 15. Spiked
  - 16. Pakistan province
  - 17. Retain
  - 18. Cleveland Union
  - 19. Hermit
  - 20. Renewal
  - 21. Suitable company
  - 22. Building in Pittsburgh
  - 23. Lightly
  - 24. Province in Ecuador
  - 25. Venturers
  - 26. Church recess
  - 27. Antitoxins
  - 28. Molten rock
  - 29. Book of Bible (ab.)
  - 30. Flap

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoople



CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



SIDE GLANCES

By Calbraith



PUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger



"How about a cracker, Mrs. Murphy?"

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Blacett



VIC FLINT

By Michael O'Malley and Ralph Lane



WASH TUBBS

By Leslie Turner



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

By Edgar Martin



BUGS BUNNY



ALLEY OOP

By V. T. Ham



CHRIS WELKIN, Planetser

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3 ROOM unfurnished apartment. Adults only. 503 South Main. Phone 7-5551. 31-01

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By GAYLE TALBOT

New York, Feb. 4 (AP)—The president of the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association, Russell B. Kingman, has issued a formal statement to the effect that his organization loves the Australian association, and vice versa, and that there really is no controversy between the ruling bodies of the world's two leading tennis nations.

He says it all was rigged up somehow by the newspapers of this country and Australia. He disavows the subject by saying that the U.S.L.T.A. has invited its Aussie pals to enter the championships at Forest Hills next summer.

Having some first hand knowledge of the situation, we are afraid it is not quite that simple. If he should ask us, we could advise Mr. Kingman that there is a controversy, and that he will know a good deal more about it before he retires from the presidency next January.

The high men in Australia tennis have become exasperated, to put it mildly, with their American opposites. They feel they have been taking a kicking around, and they are very, very tired of it. The Aussies are a proud, rugged people and they are preparing to take some remedial measures.

They were angry this winter on two counts: That the American Davis Cup team refused to play exhibitions at Brisbane and Adelaide and that only one member of the squad, Dick Savitt, stayed over to play in the Australian Championships. Ham Richardson, the junior, was not officially a member of the cup team.

The question of money also ran in the Aussie net fathers. Their cup teams, they point out pungently, have played in this country in recent years for comparative peanuts, whereas this winter the American team brought home a barrel of dough from the sold-out matches against Sweden at Melbourne and the equally packed challenge round against Australia at Sydney.

One of the four top men of Australian tennis sat in our room the day after the challenge round ended and said his say. The longer he talked the more agitated he became, and after an hour he was pretty well worked up.

"Your people," he charged, ignoring our disclaimer of any connection with the American body, "have bloody well been treating us like poor relations. They want to take everything and give nothing. We stretched a point to let our cup team play in your championships last summer and what do we get in return—Savitt."

"We're told before your team comes over that it will be available for exhibitions. What happened?"

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## Pirates Throw Dickson on Block

Pittsburgh, Feb. 4 (AP)—Pitcher Murry Dickson, the Pittsburgh Pirates' main hope on the firing line, is on the trading block — but that statement probably will do little more than provide fuel for baseball's hot stove league.

Clever Murry, a man who would hurl every day if his flesh was willing, was practically the entire Pirate mound staff last year. He wound up with 20 victories against 16 defeats. And that with a team which had to struggle to finish seventh in the National League.

Nevertheless, Manager Bill Meyer said the Pirates desperately need infielders and Murry is being offered as trade bait. Meyer, who came here from his Tennessee home to attend a baseball writers' show last night, had this to say of the future:

"We just aren't going anywhere at all with the infield we have at present. The only sound spot seems to be second base, where Johnny Merson seems pretty secure."

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## Chips Down in College Cage Play

New York Feb. 4 (AP)—These are the days the unbeaten and conference leaders among the college basketball teams begin to worry about every shot they or their opponents take.

The most important games of the season are coming up and the next two weeks probably will tell the story of who is going to play in the big post-season tournaments.

Both of the nation's major unbeaten teams, Duke (120) and Bonaventure (130) go into action tonight in warm-ups before they clash next Monday at Pittsburgh. So a week hence, the unbeaten list is bound to be at exactly one.

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